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Park Visitor Missing in Avalanche Creek

West Glacier, MT – Glacier National Park officials announced today that a 59 year-old Freeland, Washington woman has slipped and fallen into Avalanche Creek. The initial report, at II:05am, indicated that the woman had fallen into the creek just above Avalanche Gorge. An extensive ground and aerial search of the gorge, and downstream areas of Avalanche and McDonald Creeks, by park staff has not revealed any trace of the missing woman. One search dog is on scene and an additional search dog has been called in from Libby, MT. The search and investigation of the incident continue at this time.

Park officials want to remind visitors to exercise extreme caution around rivers and streams throughout the park. Rocks in and along stream edges are often wet and slippery. Heavier than normal snowpack in the mountains has kept streams running high and cold.